the next year's accounts, was reduced by it to Rs. 25.63 crores and M/s. Merind had shown its liability under DPEA as Rs. 4.86 crores in its annual account for the year ending December, 1983.

Names of the companies against whom amount due under DPEA is to be recovered and the details of amount due against each has already been given in the annexure to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 670 answered on 28th November, 1991.

(d) and (e) The details of cases of overcharging and overinvoicing have already been given in the annexure to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1-8-1991.

Reduction of Prices of Drugs

3114. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 680 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of difference of opinion on the reduction of prices of drugs between BICP and Government and when these were sorted out;

(b) what were the basis on which Government have reduced the price of bulk drugs and when was Government asked DPRC Sub-committee to work out the formulation prices of each drug;

(c) whether the issue is differences of opinion was raised by the Member Secretary in the DPRC meeting; and

(d) if so, when and what was the decision of the committee and when that was communicated to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a), (c) and (d) In the process of fixation/revision of prices, seeking of certain clarifications is an integral part of official working in such matters. These clarifications etc. are an essential input for the fixation/revision of prices.

(b) The reduction in prices of drugs was done on the basis of some complaints and after examination and scrutiny of relevant data available with the Department. BICP was intimated soon after reduced prices of drugs were notified.

Fixing the prices of Alcagel and Carelagin tablets

3115. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 661 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Crews Pharmaceuticals did not submit applications for price fixation of Alcagel and Carelagin tablets after crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lakhs in sales turnover;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the company for violation of provision of Drugs Prices Control Order;

(c) when M/s. Crews Pharmaceuticals submitted price approval application and what price was fixed for each product;

(d) what was the price being charged for each at the time of submission of price approval application;

(e) what was the total number of products being produced by M/s. Crews after crossing the turn over limit and what is the name and price of each at that time;

(f) whether it is a fact that company had claimed that they submitted their applications for price approval to Assistant Development Commissioner; and

(g) what are the details of these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Company had submitted their price fixation application in respect of Alcagel and Carelegin Tablets, both in 10's pack, in 1986 claiming price of Rs. 1.54 and Rs. 2.80 respectively. As against this, the price fixed by the Government was Rs. 1.03 and Rs. 2.41 respectively.

(e) Companywise formulation record is not monitored by the Government.

(f) and (g) As per available record, the company had submitted their price application to the BICP.

Adulteration of edible oils

3116. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of adulterations of edible oils detected during the last three years;

(b) whether N.D.D.B. has found almost all brands of mustard oil marketed by private trade in 16 Kg. Tin adulterated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government to check this adulteration menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) According to Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the information available regarding number of cases of adulterations of edible oils detected during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of samples failed
1988	2069
1989	1161
1990	770*

*Excluding the figures from 10 States.

(b) and (c) NDDB have stated that they did not conduct any survey on mustard oil.

(d) States/UTs have been requested to keep vigil on quality of edible oils sold in the market.

3117. [*Transferred to the 20th December, 1991*]

Corrupt practices by Civil Supplies Inspectors

3118. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Civil Supplies Officers and Inspectors of rationing are required to inspect the Fair Price Shops every month; if so, to whom the inspection report is submitted;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that CSO and Inspectors in Circle No. 1, Camp Office, Food and Supply Department, Shahdara, had misused their positions while visiting FPS Nos. 7243, 8020 and the FPS at Harish Vihar on November, 19 and 20, 1991 and demanded Rs. ten thousands from each, failing which their licences would be cancelled;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an FIR in this connection was lodged by one of the owners of the FPS on 25th November, 1991 in Police Post, G.T.B. Chowk, Dilshad Garden, Delhi; and

(d) if so, whether Government would make an enquiry into the whole affair and transfer these officers from this Circle before the enquiry starts; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Food Supply Officers and Inspectors submit their reports respectively to the Zonal Officers and Circle Officers.

(b) Delhi Administration has reported that a complaint regarding its officials' visit to FPS No. 8020 has been received, and is under investigation by the Departmental Vigilance. No such complaint regarding a visit to FPS No. 7243 has however been received by them.